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## Orthodoxy Not Jewish, But Foreign To It, Says Conservative Leader

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Orthodoxy was termed a "strange concept . . . foreign to Judaism in law and meaning," by Rabbi Max D. Davidson at commencement exercises at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America Sunday.

Asserting that Orthodoxy is only 150 years old, Rabbi Davidson, who is president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, said that it "pretends to be Judaism, but the word is not Jewish and the idea is not Jewish."

Rabbi Davidson quoted the statement of Milton Konvitz equating total orthodoxy with total assimilation.

Orthodoxy was described by Rabbi Davidson as a "sincere and pious re-

action to em-

ancipation".

He declared

however that

it "attempted

to ape the

non-Jewish

orthodoxies

with which

Jews of Eu-

rope came in

contact."

Perversion of Our History

"It proposed to set up a mono-

lithic Judaism which is foreign

to Jewish experience and which

is a perversion of our history,"

he added.

Rabbi Davidson said that "part-

ies, differing points of view, even

differing customs and interpre-

tations of the law go far back

through the Jewish centuries."

Referring to Israel, and the

situation of religion in the new

state, Rabbi Davidson said: "It

may be that our most enduring

contribution will be the trans-

plantation of the American type

of synagogue to the Holy Land,

and the sweep of Jewish experi-



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rabbi, "much better than some

of us deserve". But in "spiritual

partnerships," he said, "Congre-

gations have sometimes debased

their rabbis and teachers . . ."

The new rabbis were advised

not to allow themselves to be ap-

pointed by congregations as "their

substitute in religious living".

"You will be called on to point

out that our is not a robot re-

ligion, that we have no spiritual

surrogates, and that the rabbi

is not the vicar of God."

## MOVE SEEKS TO UNITE REFORM, CONSERVATISM

AKRON, O.—(NJP)—All Reform and Conservative rabbis in the United States were polled this week to determine whether they would attend a "conference to discuss closer understanding between the Liberal-Reform and Conservative movements."

The poll was being conducted by Rabbi J. Marshall Taxay, of Temple Israel (Reform) here.

Inclosed with the questionnaire was a copy of a letter Rabbi Taxay wrote to the National Jewish Post, which was printed on Feb. 3, 1951. The letter described the Reconstructionist movement as a bridge between the two wings of Judaism.

The questionnaire asked rabbis if they would favor summoning a conference of the two groups and if they would attend if such a conference were held immediately following the forthcoming annual convention of the two bodies next week.

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The conference instructed its delegates to push for the revisions at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

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## U.S. Jews Weigh B-G's Views; Says That Zionists Err

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The American Jewish community had before it this week the frank views of Premier David Ben-Gurion on almost every phase of the inter-relationship of Jews of the U.S. and Israel.

In a series of meetings with the Zionists, the UJA, the bond drive officials, the Orthodox group in the U.S., and potential chalutzim (pioneers), the doughty Prime Minister expressed these views just before he embarked for home.

1 That American Zionists cannot be considered by the Israel Government as the representatives of American Jewry, and opposed giving the Zionist movement status as official liaison between world Jewry and the state.

2 That Zionists should desist from "identification" with internal politics of Israel.

3 That American Jewry is "not a candidate" for mass immigration to Israel and that it is "wrong to try to frighten" American Jews into going to Israel.

4 That the classic Zionist goal, the "ingathering of the Jewish people", is still his belief, declaring that when the "State and the people become identical, the aspirations of Zionism will be fulfilled".

5 That Israel cannot speak on behalf of the Jewish people.

6 That under no circumstances would Israel become a theocratic state and that the religious groups agree with him in this view.

NO COMPULSION FOR MASS IMMIGRATION

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that he did not expect any mass immigration of American Jewry to Israel, adding that "the compulsion and need" which brings about such mass migration does not exist in the United States."

However, he said his visits to the various American cities had convinced him that this country had the potentialities for an effective Chalutzut. He particularly thought that America might supply the "technological know how" which Israel requires.

Ben-Gurion's meeting with 200 American Zionist leaders was the frankest exchange of views he held on his visit. At times the meeting, which permitted questions to the Prime Minister from the Zionist leaders, became almost heated.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, which sponsored the meeting, conceded that the Zionists never represented the Jewish people, pointing out that no one ever represented the Jews. But he warned Ben-Gurion that if the Jewish Agency won't be the one to handle monies from America for Israel, it'll be another body, possibly the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds. He took the liberty of speaking for the Israeli leaders declaring that they "won't be happy about the prospect of dealing with such 'friends'".

BEN-GURION STANDS GROUND ON RALLY SPEECH

Emanuel Neumann, a past president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that it was regretful that the Prime Minister avoided reference to the terms Zionist and Zionism at the Madison Square Garden Rally on May 10. Ben-Gurion responded that he "would do it again, because circumstances dictated such a policy".

To charges that Zionism in the U.S. was on the downgrade, the Prime Minister declared, "I deny there is a crisis in Zionism. There is a crisis—in some Zionists". He did not elaborate, but added that there are a "few Zionists who haven't recognized the State".

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, former treasurer of the Jewish Agency, questioned Ben-Gurion's stand against interference in internal Israeli politics by American Zionists. Dr. Goldstein asked how Zionists who hold various philosophies could fail to give aid and encouragement to those who hold corresponding views in Israel.

When Jay Fishman, Hanoar Hatzioni (General Zionist chalutzim) head, charged that chalutzut is a "step-child" of American Zionism, and criticized the adults for not giving the chalutz movement in this country greater support, the Prime Minister advised Fishman that a chalutz doesn't need adult support.

"Why do you need their consent" to be chalutzim? he asked.

## Revision In Agencies Asked By Mizrahi

NEW YORK—The first American Zionist group to ask officially for a change in the Jewish Agency and in the Zionist funds, and even in the entire structure of Zionism, became the Mizrahi Organization of America, which passed resolutions to that effect at its mid-year conference here.

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## Half-Million In Cash Daily Bond Sale Receipt

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The figure many people set for the first twelve months of sales of Israel Independence Bonds was exceeded in less than the first 30 days of the drive, it was announced here as sales of \$55,000,000 were revealed.

Expectations here were that the \$500,000,000 sale set for a three-year period, could be achieved in the first year.

Cash in the amount of one-half to three-quarters of a million dollars a day was arriving in the office of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, sponsors of the sale.

Total cash receipts as of a week ago were more than \$16,000,000.

The drive has not even started in many communities where it is being held up in order not to conflict with the local welfare fund and federation spring campaigns.

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## Rabbis Win Major Battle In Fight On Friday Night Opening

BRADFORD, Pa.—(NJP)—The two local rabbis won a major battle in their fight to rescind the action of the Retail Merchants Bureau opening the city's stores Friday nights.

Bradford's largest department store, A. J. Olson Co., announced in an advertisement that their store would resume closing at the old hour, 5 p. m., instead of the 9 p. m. closing which has been in effect for just a little over a month.

The Jewish store-owners, however, who had ad-

vised Rabbis Ephraim F. Einhorn and Herbert Hendel that they would close if the Olson store made the first move, remained open on Friday night.

The weekly Kiwanis luncheon meeting last week heard Rev. Alanson C. Davis, pastor of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopalian) condemn the action of the Retail Merchants Bureau and urge his hearers not to shop on Friday nights. Unaware of the stubbornness of the Jewish merchants, some of whom had been the strongest advocates of Friday night opening, Rev. Davis declared that "members

of the Jewish community may be forced by economic pressure to open their stores Friday evenings and thus be kept away from their religious services."

Rev Davis charged that the action of the Merchants Bureau violated the "roots of democracy."

A meeting has been set for next Tuesday between a committee of the Ministerial Association, which has taken up the fight led by the two rabbis, and the Merchants Bureau to discuss the matter.



## Bar Mitzvah Boys Pledge Additional Year Of Study

CINCINNATI, O.—(NJP)—Bar Mitzvah boys at the Louis Feinberg Synagogue here will be required to sign a pledge to continue their Hebrew education for a year longer.

The pledge will be signed in the presence of Rabbi Fishel J. Goldfeder, the parents of the bar mitzvah and the Hebrew teacher.

The synagogue requires three years of study before bar mitzvah.

Another recent innovation at the synagogue was the formation of a special class of fathers of boys who will become bar mitzvah during 1951.

The class will meet regularly for study of Hebrew, to be followed by a discussion of "The Jewish Way of Life".

## Dodgers Take Israeli Sailors as Sub for B-G In Sunday's Double Header with Chicago

BROOKLYN—Denied the services of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to toss out the first ball several weeks ago, the Brooklyn Dodgers settled this Sunday for seventy-five Israeli sailors.

The sailors, members of the crew of the two Israeli Navy ships here in connection with the bond sale, saw the Brooks cop a twin bill from the Cubs.

The Jewish navy men were little inspiration to Cal Abrams, Brooklyn Jewish outfielder, who was able to garner only one hit, a two-bagger, in the two games. Manager Charley Dressen pre-

sented the Israelis with bats and balls to take home as souvenirs. The box which held Colonel V. C. Herzog, Israel's military attaché to the U.S. was draped in an Israel flag.

The sailors staged a parade to music by a Catholic church band.

### Encounter Truman Yacht

The Israeli sailors figured in a historical tableau on Memorial Day when their warships encountered the yacht of President Truman as they passed in the Potomac River at the entrance to Washington harbor.

The Presidential yacht was heading for the open water of the Chesapeake Bay for the Memorial day holiday. President Truman standing on the bridge of his yacht saw the Israeli warships and gave salute. The Israeli crew came to attention and saluted the President.

The warships are undergoing complete overhauling here before proceeding on their homeward voyage.

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# Peace Statement Brings 4 Rabbis, Community Man Into Conflict

By GERALD TURNOY

National Jewish Post Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—(NJP)—Another round in the battle for freedom of speech in the San Francisco Jewish community has apparently ended with the thorny problem no nearer solution. The contesting parties are four rabbis and the Jewish Community Relations Council whose executive director is Eugene B. Block.

The rabbis, Elliott M. Burstein of Beth Israel, Alvin I. Fine of Temple Emanuel, Morris Goldstein of Temple Sherith Israel and Saul E. White of Temple Beth Shalom, were among 14 clergy who signed a recent published statement on "Religion and World Crisis."

The statement, which has created a minor cause celebre in the

Jewish community, calls for the recognition of the Communist government of China, without however listing China by name.

Opening with expressions of brotherhood of man, the statement went on to make specific political recommendations. These included negotiation of differences between East and West, and opposition to a rearmament policy in Germany and Japan, a policy of peace and "recognition of de facto governments" as well as the possibility of "the coexistence of radically differing economic systems and cultures."

## Freedom of Speech Issue

Rabbi White reported that the Jewish Community Relations Council had attempted to censure the rabbis for failing to clear their statement with the Council. Rabbi White, president of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, contended that this attempt was an infringement of freedom of speech. Block has stated that the

Council, until recently known as the Jewish Survey and B'nai B'rith Community Committee, is the public relations arm of the Associated Jewish Organizations of San Francisco.

White countered with the statement that the AJO is a

"letterhead organization."

## Ignored "Meat" of Statement

Rabbi White also pointed out that the Jewish Community Bulletin, weekly publicity organ of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation, which is also edited by Block, carried only a report on the general brotherhood phase of the statement. On the other hand, White added, the general metropolitan press carried the complete statement, with its specific political recommendations.

The ten non-Jewish clergymen who signed the statement are Hamilton J. Boswell, and Ernest E. Wilson, Methodist; John Compton Leffler, Elmer A. McLaughlin, Episcopalian; Harry C. Meserve, Unitarian; Robert Warr Moon, United Church; Wil-

liam Piehl and Stephen Thierman, American Friends Service Society (Quakers); David H. Studebaker, Church of the Brethren, and Howard Thurman, Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples.

## UJA In New York Hits \$24,000,000

NEW YORK—The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York announced an additional \$4,000,000 in gifts to bring the total thus far this year to \$24,000,000, well in excess of the amount raised in 1950.

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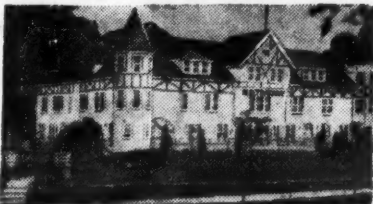
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## Social Workers Duck Fight On Communism

ATLANTIC CITY—(NJP)—The problem of communism and left-wing sympathies among Jewish social workers overshadowed all sessions of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare held here last week.

Though most of the meetings dealt with professional problems and practices, the issue of communism crept up everywhere.

An open floor fight over the communist issue was avoided at the last moment at the business meeting of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, which was held in conjunction with the social work conference, when a one year moratorium on all controversial resolutions was overwhelmingly accepted. At the same time the membership accepted a proposal of the executive committee to establish a special committee to review the functions of the association.

Sanford Solender, director of JWB's Jewish Center division and a former president of the NAJCW, presented the emergency plan and urged its adoption. He said that the continuation of the Center worker's professional organization would be imperilled if the moratorium on controversial resolutions was not adopted.

### ASK FOR PEACE, HIT U.S. POLICIES

It was learned by The Post that the compromise formula was developed after the Resolutions Committee had received over thirty proposed resolutions dealing with public issues. Many asked that the convention go on record against all forms of totalitarianism, including communism. But others called for peace and a condemnation of American foreign policies.

Although the vast majority of Center workers were opposed to communism and fascism, Solender feared that sponsors of some of the resolutions would resign from the group in the event of their resolution's defeat.

The fight against communism among Jewish social workers, which received heavy support from the Conference's program committee, was complicated by the union situation in the Jewish social service field.

Until last year nearly all Jewish social workers were represented by the Social Service Employees Union. When SSEU's parent body was thrown out of the CIO on the ground of Communist domination, many workers changed their affiliation to the new CIO social workers union.

At the same time, many social workers feel that several Jewish social agency boards in different parts of the country used the communist issue to engage in anti-union activities and to re-

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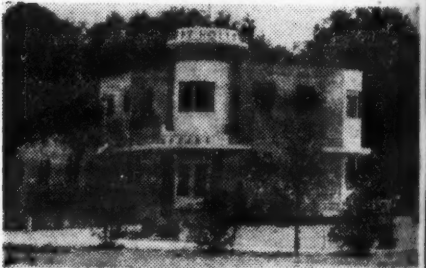
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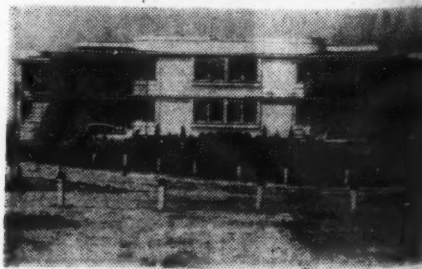
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That is the story of two attractive Johannesburg girls, Rosalin Solomon and Joan Rivlin, who returned from Israel this week on what they called a "tramp trip".

The sum spent is exclusive of their fare. The girls told of much fun and adventure, and said they soon learned how to conserve their funds.

The two young adventurers said they shunned tourists and conducted tours, but went everywhere, saw everything and made friends all over Israel.

## Social Workers Duck Fight On Communism

(Continued from preceding page)

duce previously won benefits.

### CLEVELAND SOCIAL WORKERS PROTEST

The Cleveland Jewish Center workers, for example, appealed to the convention for aid in their fight against new working conditions which virtually prohibit union activities and eliminate collective bargaining.

The membership of the leftist SSEU has been drastically cut in the last months. Only recently CIO local 1707 of New York City won an important election at the National Jewish Welfare Board and negotiated a new contract with the Federation Employment Service. The membership figures of SSEU have not been published for some time now; most of its remaining membership is however in the Jewish social service field in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland.

## KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT SHAKEN BY SPLIT

JERUSALEM—(NJP)—The cooperative colony movement has been shaken to its foundations by the decision to split the Kibbutz Hameuchad.

The Kibbutz Hameuchad is an umbrella organization for approximately 80 individual kibbutzim.

The split which has been foreshadowed for some time will formalize the division of many of the oldest colonies in Israel into two opposing camps, Mapai and the Mapam.

The actual split came when the Mapam majority pushed through a vote calling on Ashdot Yaakov, one of the leading colonies, to rescind its action setting up a separate Mapai school and living quarters.

### New Organization Formed

Mapai has a controlling majority of votes in Ashdot Yaakov, and twenty-five other of the colonies in the Hameuchad. But in forty more, it is a minority, while there is no clear majority of either Mapai or Mapam in the remaining fifteen colonies.

The day following their withdrawal from the association, the Mapai members formed a new national organization of its own kibbutzim.

The split was the latest development in the growing antagonism between the two labor parties which only a few years ago were all members of Mapai.

### Mapam Called Leftist

The Jerusalem Post, organ of the Mapai, charged Mapam with

ideologies".

Mapam has contended that Mapai has brought Israel under domination of American imperialism, and led the country away from true socialism.

Mrs. Walter E. Heller, Chicago, has been reelected chairman of the Jewish Center Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

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## Resolution Curbing Extravagant Celebrations For Bar Mitzvah Working Well Says Rabbi

TROY, N. Y.—(NJP)—A resolution adopted last December curtailing extravagant bar mitzvah celebrations, has been working out well, Rabbi Hershel Matt of Temple Beth El reported this week.

"Since the resolution was passed almost every bar mitzvah has lived up to its spirit," Rabbi Matt told The Post.

Pointing out that "lavishness in food or drink in conjunction with a bar mitzvah ceremony tends to detract from its central importance as a religious act," the resolution declared that "such lavishness encourages irreligious display of wealth on the part of some."

The resolution went on to declare that such

lavishness placed an "embarrassing financial burden on the part of others and a spirit of vain competition."

The celebrations, according to the resolution, were to be limited "to a modest repast" on Temple premises following Sabbath services.

Rabbi Matt said that there was little opposition to the resolution when it was discussed. The only issue at the time, he declared, was whether the resolution should be made mandatory or voluntary. It was finally decided that the resolution would be "a moral obligation of all members concerned."

Before the resolution was passed, the Rabbi said, there was a good deal of "keeping up with the Jones's, or should I say Schwartz's".

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### Top Priority To Charity Hit By Day School PTAs

BALTIMORE, Md.—(NJP)—Giving top priority to charity drives in the American Jewish community at the expense of maximum Jewish education was criticized here at the third annual convention of the Hebrew Day School PTAs.

Leon Rubenstein, president of the organization told 250 delegates from Hebrew Day Schools throughout America that the community "is completely misguided" when it gives only "a mere pittance" to maximum Jewish education.

Rubenstein declared that, "The leadership has revised the priority rating given to us by our sages in their declaration 'that the world exists because of three principles — education, worship and charity'."

He said that charity has been put in first place by the American Jewish leadership, with worship second and "education running a poor third."

In a resolution, the delegates warned against attempts to snatch the day school movement from the Orthodox. "The overwhelming majority of Day Schools have been built by Orthodox Jews," the resolution

declared, urging the delegates "to stand on guard so that the historic character of our Day Schools remain inviolate".

### Exports For 1st Quarter Double 1950 Figure

JERUSALEM—The gap between imports and exports which has heightened Israel's economic crisis was believed to be considerably narrowed with announcement that Israel's exports in the first quarter of 1951 had doubled those for the same period last year.

David Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Government, who made the announcement, declared that the fight against deflation was showing increasing signs of success.

Horowitz disclosed that the number of wage earners had increased by 27 per cent as against a jump of only 18 per cent in population.

Other encouraging figures showed that 18 per cent of the population was now engaged in agriculture as against 15 per cent in 1949. The decline in the number of farmers in Israel had troubled government officials several years ago, but continued improvement has been noted in the situation.

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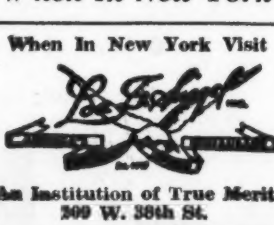
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## REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD JEWISH TIE TO GARMENT INDUSTRY ALMOST LOST IN 'ICGIFY WHOLESALE'

By SIMON WINCELBERG

SAM JAFFE'S warm characterization of a 7th Avenue Gungah Din, and another one of Marvin Kaplan's very funny Brooklyn routines, are all that stand in the way of "I Can Get It For You Wholesale," a 20th Century-Fox adaptation of Jerome Weidman's novel, being strictly "Judenrein." Whether this is good or bad will probably depend on whether one expected a realistic picture about the Garment Center, or was merely bracing oneself for the way Fox might have transferred some of Mr. Weidman's heels and hustlers to celluloid.

The industry's viewpoint on the necessity for a radical alteration of the story was probably summarized during a recent forum at UCLA by Richard Goldstone, a producer, (from another studio, I believe), in response to a question from the floor. The original, Mr. Goldstone said, gave a "grotesque and exaggerated picture of an individual, who, by implication, represented a racial minority."

Without cutting very deeply in any one direction, "I Can Get It For You Wholesale" succeeds in making the 7th Avenue "jungle" seem as glamorous and perilous as any neck of the woods Frank Buck ever poked into, though it rarely makes us aware of any echelon lower than the showroom, where, at times, the word "jungle" has had far grimmer connotations.

"ICGIFYW" dabbles in a glittering world which knoweth not Dubinsky, and where the plain but honest \$10.95 dress disdains the blandishments of the flighty gown. On the human front, the fight is between the sharp, though idealistic, salesman, and the lovely scheming heel with a submerged heart of gold, whom her mother considers a throwback to the Irish bandits, somewhat in contrast to her male and Jewish prototype in the novel.

WHAT IS presented for our entertainment is a sort of "All About Eve" of the ladies' garment business, an impression strongly reinforced by the role and dialogue assigned to George Sanders as an Oscar Wildeish "merchant prince."

The real 7th Avenue is shown only in a couple of exterior shots, and the course of true love between the principal combatants is hampered less by personal or economic reasons like in lower Manhattan, than by strained coincidences and contrived misunderstandings like in Beverly Hills. This lack of realism can probably be blamed on the adaptation by Vera Caspary, since the screenplay, acting and direction are all first-rate.

Everything about the dress business is shown in black-and-white extremes. Either you're about to become a millionaire, or you're about to go bankrupt. No one is ever mediocre or plodding. Each participant in the plot is the best in his or her line of work, and the only thing that really counts is whether or not you're a heel. And if you are, how long you stay one.

Sam Jaffe alone, colorless though his role is, accounts for whatever insight the picture provides into the ingenious and hard working Jewish immigrant type of the post-sweatshop phase, who made the ladies' garment business the great American industry it is today.

AS A contrasting cinematic approach to the same merchandise, "With These Hands," an almost feature-length semi-documentary, sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has all the dramatic punch, earnestness and conspicuously good writing that the Eternal Light program has long led you to expect from writer Morton Wishengrad and composer Morris Mamorsky. And while it is very obviously an inexpensive production, with strong budgetary curbs on the writer's imagination, it is also well produced, directed and acted.

The story is no more than a lengthy flashback, in which an elderly union chosid delays signing his retirement application, until he has ruminated, exhaustively, movingly and entertainingly, about the sweatshops, the birthpangs of the ILG, and its relatively smooth going under the New Deal. It is a straightforward propaganda film without doubletalk or sugar-coating, and it has the good taste to eschew hero-worship entirely (only Schlesinger gets a brief, casual mention) and concentrate on some nice and not too far from average union members instead.

"With These Hands" is unlikely to alter Hollywood's (possibly sound) impression that unions are a pretty unrewarding subject to film commercially. Both for its intentions and its accomplishments, however, it deserves to get the very widest possible circulation.

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## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Several Generations, Continent Away  
When All Sought Title of 'Rabbi'

By HELEN COHEN

AS I made my way around the grocery super-market one day, I overheard one shopper saying to another, "Heard that your son has decided to enter the ministry. You must be very happy."

"Yes, we were a bit surprised, but quite pleased."

Really, I thought, as I continued through the aisles, when you stop to consider how parents work and worry and hope that their children will grow up to be righteous, God-fearing persons, when they are filled with dread at news of this or that mother's son who got himself into trouble, it would seem that the ultimate in good fortune smiles on the parents of a son who has decided on the ministry as his life's work.

There is a job that calls for, and implies is present in those who work at it, strength of character, moral leadership, superior mentality, love of humanity.



HELEN COHEN

YES, when you think about it, nothing should please parents more. Yet it has been several generations and a continent away since every son in Israel who was able to read a book aimed, with the approval of proud parents, for the title of "rabbi".

This week one of our local boys was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. He is the first young man to enter the rabbinate out of our Conservative congregation in all the years since it was established and, except for one other rabbinical student, the only aspirant for that title from our city at this time. Rabbi Arthur Hollander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hollander, couldn't be more proud.

And since most young people are molded in their ambition by their early environment, there must have been more important things to Arthur's parents than making lots of money or living a life of self-indulgent ease.

SOMEONE ought to say a word about ranch-type houses and what they are doing to the appearance of our residential neighborhoods. I'm sure ranch type houses look fine on ranches, and not too much can be said in complaint at the sight of them in the outlying suburbs where the lot sprawls commensurately with the low-slung building.

But what they do to the view when they are sandwiched in between two stately three-storied homes is something else again. I'm no one to favor restrictions in home building, but I'm toying with the thought of people forbidding the selling of lots on a block housing two-storieds to prospects with "ranch-type" on their mind.

I PRESUME that the popularity of this innovation in homes is closely tied up with the high cost of household help. I imagine many of the occupants of the new structures (they are anything but 'low-cost' housing) are rather wealthy folk who struggled as long as they could, trying to keep three and four stories ship-shape with indifferent or undependable help—until they decided to simplify living and go back to everything on one floor—including laundry and play rooms.

Not that I have any quarrel with household help. It is past time they were paid anywhere near decent wages. But when help is hard to come by and a large multi-floored home calls for extra hands, that's the cue to start roughing it with no help and no steps to climb.

To be perfectly honest, I should admit in closing that while there are times in our story-and-a-half that I yearn for the flat surface—what with stairs and upper story windows to clean—I still stick to this arrangement until our brood is grown. There is something nice and final at bed-time about shoeing our darlings up to the second floor.

The first consignments of cactus fruit preserved in syrup were dispatched to Britain and the United States. This is the first time that the fruit has appeared in this form on foreign markets.

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## Berkowitz

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

My paternal grandfather came from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. I would appreciate it if you could give me some information on the name of Berkowitz. I would like to know if I am related to the great Polish-Jewish general named Berkowicz.

SANFORD H. BERKOWITZ  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Berkowitz indicates descent from a man whose given Hebrew name was Isachar. Because the original Isachar of the Bible was blessed with great strength, children named after him were given the additional name of Ber (Bear) which in its diminutive Polish form was changed to Berko.

A son of Berko was known as Berkowitz (more correctly Berkowicz). Berkowitizes are not necessarily related to one another and there is no reason to assume that you have any kinship with the Polish-Jewish hero Berek Joselowicz or his son Josel Berkowicz.

There is however a great Jewish Berkowitz family in the Russian Ukraine. The family bears one of the three names Berkowitz, Rabinowitz or Bernstein. It is a distinguished family to which the great Jewish humorist Sholem Aleichem belonged, but I have no way of determining whether you are a member of it.

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| flour, salt, pepper  | 1 stalk celery, diced   |
| ¼ cup chicken fat    | 2 green peppers, diced  |
| 1 large onion sliced | 2 cups cooked mushrooms |
| 4 carrots, diced     | 2 cups cooked peas      |

Cut chicken into pieces for serving, and sprinkle with flour. Heat fat in frying pan, add onion and let brown, add chicken and brown on all sides. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Turn into a casserole, cover, and let cook in oven at 300 degrees for an hour. Add tomatoes, carrots, celery and green pepper, cover again, and let cook until tender. Add mushrooms and peas 10 minutes before serving.

## CHICKEN PILAF

Number 1: Turkish

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| 1 cup rice                    | 1 cup tomato juice           |
| 2 cups chicken stock or water | ¼ cup melted chicken fat     |
| salt and pepper               | 2 cups cooked, diced chicken |
| 1 small onion, chopped fine   |                              |

Wash rice, and drain. Bring chicken stock or water to a boil with ½ teaspoon salt, add rice and onion, and let boil gently until rice has absorbed all of liquid. Bring tomato juice to a boil, add to rice, and let boil gently until rice is tender. Add 2 tablespoons of the chicken fat to rice, add salt and pepper, and mix lightly. Turn into greased pudding dish, spread with diced chicken, pour remaining 2 tablespoons of chicken fat over chicken, cover dish, and bake in oven at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Number 2: Persian

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| 2 cups cooked, diced chicken     | 6 tablespoons cashews or almonds, chopped fine |
| ¾ cup seedless raisins           | 1 cup tomato juice                             |
| ¼ cup green pepper, chopped fine | 4 cups boiled rice                             |

Mix together lightly rice, chicken, raisins and green pepper, and place in greased baking dish. Add tomato juice, cover baking dish, and let cook in oven at 300 degrees for 45 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Place on a hot platter, sprinkle with chopped cashews or almonds and serve.

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Editor, National Jewish Post:

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THOSE who are accustomed to look with pity on the rabbi as the most frustrated man in the American Jewish community, may change their view after reading the eloquent words Rabbi Max Davidson spoke to the newly-ordained rabbis of the Jewish Theological Seminary last Sunday.

After outlining the pitfalls that beset the American rabbi, Rabbi Davidson rounded out his address with an exquisite portrayal of the rewards of the Jewish spiritual leader, as follows:

"Yes, many of its ways are more than pleasant. You will see little children gaze up at you in awe and reverence. You will see them grow up. I have had no greater joy than the sight of the little boys and girls of my congregation attending the school, standing before me for their first public blessings, coming for counsel in adolescence, radiant before me as bride and bridegroom to be married, joining the congregation, becoming active in its leadership and then have the next generation stand before me, children of those children, beginning the cycle once again. It will warm your heart as you grow older to see the chain growing, link by link, into endless generations.

"They will come to you, with and without dilemmas, they will come to you. The scholar will come with knowledge, and the ignorant with questions, the generous with his record of charity, and the skeptic with his quest for an intellectual imperative, yes, the sinner with his guilt, and the bereaved with his sorrow. Perhaps an old man, unlettered, will offer his unopened prayerbook, for he does not understand the meaning of

its words. An old woman enters only with her tears, or a young wife with her anxieties or a young man with his hopes.

"The men and women, the young people and children, who look to you for guidance, represent a wide variety of background, they carry with them emotional and mental and physical questionnaires of many kinds. It is for this that 30 centuries of Jewish genius have been assembled in you as rabbis and as teachers. You will demonstrate that Jewish religious experience is rich enough to satisfy every human being on his own level, that the Jewish message is not a monologue, that Jewish teaching is not a catechism, that a Jewish law is not an archaic code. Judaism is a living, continuing experience, and to its tradition every generation, and every inspired soul contribute its talent. The springs and the currents that are joined in the stream of that tradition have their source in many minds and many places.

"The turbulent invective of Isaiah of classic antiquity; the calm martyrdom of Akiba of Imperial Rome; the clean logic of Maimonides in a Moslem Egypt and the simple direct loving kindness of the Baal Shem Tov.

"And since the stream has never ceased, your people will turn then to religious genius of modern times, to your masters at the Seminary, to you.

"When you as much as touch that stream with your lessons, your lips, and life, and labors, you add to its flow and its power, and you will have a right to speak, directly and simply, to your people, to God himself, and your words will be transposed into a song that will live forever in the lives of our people and in the future of our faith."

## Missionaries to Jews Need Code of Ethics

THE situation in the Bronx where a Seventh Day Adventist Church is charged with deliberately misleading Jews into believing it is a synagogue could happen only in New York, but still it points up the need for some self-disciplining by Christian Missionaries.

Even in Israel, it is doubtful that missionaries to the Jews could be banned. Certainly in a democracy the Jewish group must tolerate them.

But that doesn't mean that we must like them, nor approve of their tactics, although frankly we feel that the best Jewish position is to ignore them altogether, except in instances where they resort to indecent activity.

The missionary groups should know that their use of renegade Jews is an affront to the Jewish group, and far from advancing their case, if they will accept advice from one who

understands the psychology of the Jew, serves only to antagonize and infuriate their prospective victims.

No one likes a deserter, and in the case of these renegades the emoluments they receive for their apostasy lend more than a suspicion that motives other than laudable had to do with their decision to leave Judaism.

There are two other principles we would urge on Christian missionary societies:

1) Do not disguise your proselyting efforts. Label them clearly for what they are.

2) Do not attempt to win children as converts. They are in no position to judge the merits of Christianity as opposed to Judaism.

In the case of the Bronx Community Temple, that Seventh Day Adventists Church should be clearly marked as a Seventh Day Adventists Church even though it may be true in some cases that some churches do not indicate their denomination at the entrance.

## Pledge For Study After Bar Mitzvah Unwise

FOR some reason the pledge extracted from Bar Mitzvah candidates to continue their Hebrew studies for a year after the ceremony strikes us as unwise.

In the past decade there have been instituted in almost every community, as the result of patent abuses, regulations requiring from one to three years of study before the young man was eligible for bar mitzvah.

This was entirely warranted, and has been accepted by parents and candidates alike.

But if only from a utilitarian standpoint, the pledge demanded in the Louis Feinberg Synagogue in Cincinnati is not logical. Would the congregation refuse to allow a fully prepared boy to become bar mitzvah if he refused

to sign the pledge for an additional year of study after the ceremony?

Like Rabbi Fishel J. Goldfeder of the Cincinnati congregation, and most rabbis and educators, The Post is convinced of the tragic error of ending Jewish education at the bar mitzvah, just when the child begins to comprehend much that he has been taught.

But whether the pledge for a year's additional study is the answer is another question.

Obviously standards are needed, not alone in Jewish education, but these must be based on sound understanding of the psychology of the situation as well as the needs for furthering Jewish education.

## Chaplain Shortage Points Up Lack of Rabbis

FUNDAMENTALLY the dearth of chaplains is a situation which is directly traceable to the small number of rabbis being trained in the United States.

Even if the quota for Jewish chaplains were being met, which it isn't (NJP, May 25, 1951) the situation would be bad, for every chaplain entering service means a congregation without the ministrations of a rabbi. And this just at the time when the stresses and strains on normal living are under the greatest pressure, which means the time when the rabbi is needed most even on the home scene.

In the past two decades since the depression days when rabbis were being employed for \$50.00 a week, there has been a continual shortage of rabbis.

There are several reasons for this shortage. The numerical growth of the Jewish community, and its increasing affluence have led both to the increase in the number of congregations and to the larger number able to afford full-time rabbis.

So we come to the rock-bottom question. Why are young Jewish men shunning the rabbinate?

Involved in the answer is the low estate in which the community as a whole holds the rabbinate, the lack of spirituality of the American Jewish community, and the emphasis in our day on amassing wealth as the primary aim in life.

The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has been conducting an aggressive campaign for more rabbinical students for several years now, with some small success.

But the real answer will not be provided until the Jewish community as a whole changes its attitude to the rabbinate. That day may not be far off, but it is not today. Meanwhile the shortage of rabbis will grow more acute as the number of Jewish chaplains increases, and unfortunately there are no laymen adequately equipped from a scholarly standpoint to fill in the emergency.

## THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

I have the following note from Alfred Mayer, one of the newsstand proprietors in Chicago who sells The Post:

"Being a proprietor of a newsstand, and selling your paper, I have sampled public opinion, the result of which is (including mine) that the paper would do better with less religious news and editorials, and more news from Israel.

"The first two items are mostly read by the older generation, especially in Yiddish papers, while news events of Israel, are more desired by the younger people.

"However, do not take this as an attempt to change any policy. These are facts ascertained in the course of selling the paper."

MOST large papers use extensive polls to determine the readers' reception to various sections of their publication. For a small paper like The Post, the expense precluded such a survey, despite the fact that its results might be very valuable in many ways.

Mr. Mayer does not mention the many columns in The Post, and as a salute to my pride, I am assuming that when he wrote "editorials" he did not mean only this "chair" and the editorials on this page, but included our columnists as well.

As to coverage of events in Israel, The Post is the only Anglo-Jewish paper in the U.S. with its own correspondent in Israel, and we devote not a little of the space given over to news and comment, to Israel.

I would appreciate hearing from other readers about our proportioning of news space to various facets of Jewish life and interest.

But do not use the papers of the past few weeks as a criterion of the amount of news space available. If the present volume of advertising continues, we will go to sixteen national pages immediately. That will enable us to do a more adequate job all around. (Incidentally the advertising will hold up as long as the support you are giving to present advertisers grows.)

My own feeling is that when we add pages, the paper should be lightened instead of being made more heavy. It is my belief that we are already producing a paper which the leadership in the Jewish community must read if it is to be informed, but that not enough material in The Post is designed to reach the mass market which is our goal. This means adding more women's features, bringing back the children's page, increasing sports coverage, persaps serializing a novel, and so forth.

BUT WE won't overlook news coverage, regardless. We are continually adding more correspondents, for there is no substitute for news in a newspaper.

So drop me a line if you have views one way or another on the subject discussed in this chair. I will be most appreciative.

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BEFORE some irate Zionists prepare to take me apart, I had better hasten to state that it was merely a Freudian slip that caused me to overlook the Zionist Quarterly in my editorial last week commenting on the appearance of two other top grade Jewish magazines.

The two are in the planning stage, but the Zionist Quarterly must be on the press even now, for it is supposed to make its initial appearance at the forthcoming convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Many people have noticed the vast improvement in The New

Palestine in the past year or so, which should indicate that the quarterly will be an equal match for the other two new publications, one to be issued by the American Jewish Congress and the other by the Conservative movement.

## Reform Temple Sets First Summer Services

By JANE KINDERLEHRER

National Jewish Post Correspondent  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.—For the first time in its forty-nine years of existence, Temple Keneseth Israel (Reform) will hold late Friday evening services throughout the summer. The services will be the same as those conducted throughout the year except that there will be no sermon.

Although Rabbi Louis Youngerman will be in Israel on a study trip sponsored by his congregation in honor of his first year as their rabbi and his tenth year in the rabbinate, services will be conducted by ten different laymen. Rabbi Youngerman told the Post that all ten accepted the honor with enthusiasm. The idea of continuing services throughout the summer was overwhelmingly approved by the Temple board.

Allentown's conservative Temple Beth-El will hold sun-down service on Friday evenings. The orthodox Sons of Israel Synagogue, while maintaining its regular worship services, discontinues the Friday evening oneg shabbat for the summer months.

## 'Partisan History' Title of Berger Book

NEW YORK — "A Partisan History of the Jews" by Elmer Berger, executive director of the American Council for Judaism, is scheduled for publication on Sept. 17, according to the current issue of Library Journal.

A brief description of the book states that it will be an analysis of Jewish religious and political history designed to disprove arguments of Zionists for a Jewish state. Devin-Adair is the publisher.

## Canadian Congress To Expel JPFO

MONTREAL (WNS) Expulsion of the United Jewish Peoples Order and its affiliated bodies having leftist orientation, has been voted by the Dominion Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Before the ouster can be effective it must have the ratification of the national executive of the Congress.

## GRANDSON OF I. M. WISE

NEW YORK—Mr. and Mrs. David J. Wise announce the birth of a son, Jeremy Alan, a great-grandson of Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of Reform Judaism. The child is a grandson of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of Central Synagogue here.

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## DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

## Ben-Gurion Greeted Joyfully, But Status Of Yiddish in Israel Cause for Worry

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

SINCE the beginning of the Bonds for Israel campaign and the arrival in the United States of Israel Cabinet members, the Yiddish press has been in a festive mood. Many columns of space have been devoted to the comings and goings of Israel dignitaries.



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Long background articles on the government of Israel and its three years of independence and extensive biographical material about David Ben-Gurion, complete with photographs, have filled the pages of the papers. The FORWARD rotogravure section pictured Ben-Gurion as chutz, as labor leader, and as statesman.

Throughout these feature stories there has been, of course, constant focusing upon the status of Yiddish in Israel—always one of the Yiddish press' favorite themes. H. Ehrenreich of the Forward, who flew with Ben-Gurion from one city to another, reported that the premier told him that someday more Yiddish papers would appear in Israel than in the United States. The Forward was especially gleeful in its report about the reception given to Ben-Gurion in Boston by a group of Jewish labor leaders. When the spokesman began to greet the premier in Yiddish, B.G. interrupted him and said, "Endlich heren mir a Yiddish vort" ("At last, a word in Yiddish").

But despite these indications of a more sympathetic attitude to Yiddish in Israel, a letter in the monthly Tzukunft by one Yitzchok Perlov of Tel Aviv, complains, "Yiddish plays and Yiddish concerts are forbidden by the censor in Israel." Actors who dare to present Yiddish performances without permits are jailed by the police, Perlov adds. He furthermore sent the Tzukunft editors a notification by an Israeli official

stating that permission for public performances in Yiddish is granted only to visitors and not to local actors. "How long will this persecution continue?" wails Perlov.

## Israel Jokes As Ministers All Leave For U. S.

JOKE from The Day:

In Israel, an immigrant approached a clerk at a ministry. Immigrant: Is the Minister in? Clerk: No, he has gone to America.

Immigrant: Is the Vice Minister in? Clerk: No, he's in America.

Immigrant: How about the First Secretary? Clerk: He's in America, too.

Immigrant: Is the Assistant Secretary in? Clerk: He's there, too.

Immigrant: If that's the case, would it be possible to rent these quarters until I find a place to live?

## All 3 Synagogues Filled With Jews—Also Church

OTHER synagogues might be empty on Passover, but in

Long Beach, a suburb of New York City, all the synagogues were packed on that holiday. In fact, Chaim Leiberman of The Forward who visited the popular resort, said that the Passover crowds were of Yom Kippur magnitude. Three synagogues occupy the same area in Long Beach and amongst them is a Christian Science church. Leiberman laments the fact that the latter was also full of Jews.

While praising the devotion of Charles Silver, a pioneer settler Long Beach Jews, Leiberman singles out for a special accolade participant in many national Jewish Long Beach's first citizen—organizations.

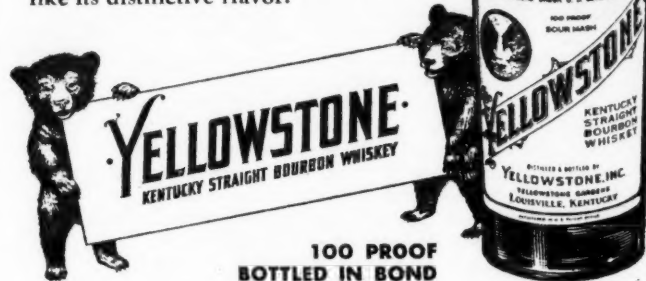
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### Moslem Turk Buys \$50 Israeli Bond

NEW YORK—Mustafa Halli, a Moslem Turk, now residing in the Bronx last week approached Maurice Ginsburg, co-chairman of the Israel Bond Committee of ZOA District No. 6 in Yorkville.

He had read about the Bond Drive—he wanted to indicate his participation—and could a bond be bought for as little as \$50.00?

Mr. Ginsburg cooperated at once and Mustafa Halli now holds a bond as an investor in the State of Israel.

### Ice Makers Slow Down; Health Hazard Rises

JERUSALEM—With ice almost the hardest to get item in many parts of Israel, and with health seriously endangered by the consequent lack of refrigeration, many ice makers are slowing production.

A spokesman for the ice makers blamed increased expenses. He said the manufacturers cannot meet the cost of special night and week-end shifts needed to increase production to supply the summer demand.

The spokesman said that manufacturers had granted three raises to workers over the past year, while their selling price, set by the government, had not been changed in that time.

An attempt to secure a meeting with government officials has thus far been unavailing.

### Close 16 More 'Inferior' Israel Food Plants

JERUSALEM—(NJP)—Sixteen plants and shops all over Israel have been ordered closed in the expanding fight on inferior quality products.

Most of the offenders continue to be manufacturers of sweets and food products.

Some of the manufacturers sell the raw materials allotted to them on the black market and then use inferior substitutes in their own products.

### A. Schoenberg Named By Academy of Music

JERUSALEM—Arnold Schoenberg, world famous composer now living in the U. S., has accepted the honorary presidency of the Israel Academy of Music.

Schoenberg advised Frank Pelleg, director of the Music Division of the Ministry of Education, that it was his "heartfelt desire" to live in Israel, but that he was prevented from doing so by ill health.

## I THINK AS I PLEASE

### ZOA BOND SELLING HARMS OWN PARTY BUT STRENGTHENS MAPAI IN ISRAEL

By CARL ALPERT

THE peculiar hostility toward the Zionist Organization of America which emanates from certain leaders in Israel and which has been manifested again and again on recent occasions can be understood only in relation to the internal politics of Israel. Once that picture is seen in proper focus, the whole problem becomes clear, and much that may now appear inexplicable will be readily obvious.

The majority political party in Israel today is the Mapai, the Socialist party. It is committed to the usual Socialist program with such significant exceptions as opposition to government ownership of the bus lines as well as opposition to nationalized medicine. Reason: the bus lines are operated by a private Socialist cooperative, and the leading health system is operated by the Histadruth. It is a splendid system, but the Histadruth wishes it to remain private—that is, out of government hands.

The General Zionists in Israel, on the other hand, feel that health and medical services should be government operated, not run by an independent organization. The General Zionists in Israel would nationalize bus transportation as a matter of public interest. Obviously, then, the labels of "Socialist" or "conservative", as used in this country, do not readily apply to the parties in Israel.

IN OTHER aspects of its Socialistic program, Ben Gurion's Mapai party is orthodox, however. The opposition to private capital is a basic part of that program, and from this stems one of the important dilemmas of Israel's government. Without private capital investment the country will perish; but the Mapai fears capital investment, and from this conflict between national need and party principle has grown much of the difficulty in Israel's present economic crisis.

The General Zionists in Israel today represent the major oppositional threat to the Mapai. The former's economic program, which can be likened to the New Deal or Fair Deal in the United States, believes in private initiative and in private capital under the necessary governmental supervision. The continued austerity in Israel, and the failure of the present Israel government to attract more investors and more industries is turning the attention of an increasing number of the country's voters to the General Zionists. The identification of the General Zionists there with the Z.O.A. in America has likewise done much to elevate the prestige and the power of the Israel party, and from this latter fact stems the attempt to undermine the Z.O.A.

Anything which might reflect to the credit of the Z.O.A. is also chalked up to the credit of the General Zionists in Israel. Anything which might reduce ZOA reputation can also be used against the General Zionists there. This is the simple fact, and from this stems the hushing up of ZOA contributions to Israel. The great ZOA food drive was kept a secret in Israel. The machinery and equipment project was not publicized. The role of the ZOA in public relations efforts has been constantly undermined—all in an effort to reduce the influence of the growing General Zionist party. Hence, too, the attempt to minimize the ZOA role in the bond drive.

THERE is nothing diabolical or Machiavellian about all this. It is a matter of elementary political tactics, and the leadership of the Mapai would be naive were it not to use every possible weapon in its struggle to maintain control of the government. As politics goes, there is nothing illegal or even unethical in this kind of fight. But American Jews should be aware of what is going on. And if they understand the motivation they may be in a better position to pass judgments themselves.

There is one peculiar paradox in this picture. Ben Gurion's last big venture in the struggle to maintain a stable economy in Israel is the bond drive. This is his plan, and his reputation and political life are at stake. If the bond drive in America should fail, the electorate in Israel would not hesitate for a moment in treating Ben Gurion and his Mapai party as the electorate in England treated their doughty war leader, Winston Churchill, when they deemed him lacking in economic wisdom commensurate with the military skill which he had previously revealed.

More than the Mapai is at stake, however; the security of Israel is also involved, and hence the Zionist Organization of America, completely ignoring the political factor, has thrown itself into the drive. As matters now stand, it is the Z.O.A. which is carrying the major burden of the campaign, and selling the great bulk of the bonds. By this very achievement the Z.O.A. is strengthening Ben Gurion's hands and assuring the political dominance of the Mapai Socialist party, though these are regarded by the ZOA merely as by-products in the effort to help Israel as a whole.

The Mapai is bitterly opposed to General Zionism and all that (Continued on Next Page)

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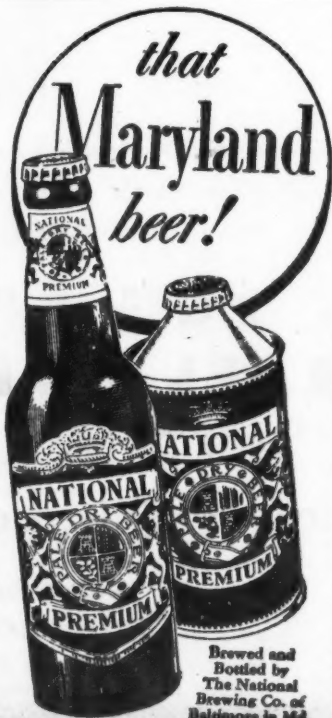
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AKZIN SOUGHT BY ALL PARTIES,  
JOINS FORCES WITH PROGRESSIVES

By M. Z. FRANK

I WAS not surprised to learn that recently Benjamin Akzin joined the Progressive Party in Israel.

Benjamin Akzin was once a Revisionist, a close friend and collaborator of Jabotinsky, in Paris. From Paris, where he taught at the Sorbonne, Akzin moved to the United States, where, after some teaching at a university, he landed at the State Department. For awhile he was quite close to the Peter Bergson crowd. Then he joined the staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council, first in Washington, then in New York.

From New York he moved to Jerusalem, where he is Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University. Of all the Americans (so-called—Akzin was born in Latvia) I haven't seen anyone so much at ease in Zion as Akzin. He is happy as a lark, and one of the things he enjoys is griping in print about the way the Government runs things.

As a candidate, Akzin dismisses the Revisionists and the Heruth as being any force in the political life of Israel in the near future; they have done their work and ought to fold up. He could not warm up to the Tory General Zionists, because their party is run by domineering old foggies who discourage young intellectual forces and don't know what time it is. But he likes the Progressives—they have the right program. (Reference is here to the Progressives in Israel, not in America).

So do I like the Progressives. But the trouble with them is that they are a trifle too dead to be alive. I expressed my misgivings to Akzin. He said yes, he agreed, but he thought they could be jacked up a bit. They ought to change their name from "Progressive" to a more popular one. They ought to write short snappy proclamations instead of the long dull, lugubrious documents which nobody reads, least of all at election time.

Well, we shall see what he can accomplish there. I wish him luck.

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FORMER NEW Yorker Louis Schwefel's name is now Yehudah Shuval, and he and his wife Rose, live in a beautiful house on Mount Carmel in Haifa. Haifa, as you know, is the only place in Israel, "where the mountain kisses the sea", and you can see the sea—and the Haifa Bay, too—from the Shuval home on Ruth Street on Mount Carmel in Haifa. It is a gorgeous sight.

You may recall that a year ago Louis Schwefel was trying to put over a scheme for a special boarding school for American youngsters on Mount Canaan in the Galilee.

Well, it did not go over. But the educational activity that Schwefel is engaged in now is just as important, if not more so. He is in charge of several resident schools for educated adult newcomers in Nahariyah, in Haifa, and in other places. The buildings on Mount Canaan, originally intended for the school will be



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NAMES IN THE NEWS  
SILVER SAYS HE'LL SETTLE IN ISRAEL  
WHEN WORK MORE VITAL THAN HERE

THE question often asked but never answered publicly got a reply from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on his recent trip to Israel. The question: Does Rabbi Silver plan to settle in Israel? Rabbi Silver told a press conference on April 25 that he would not settle in Israel at the present time, but would remain in the U.S. until there was a function for him in Israel which was more important than the work he is now doing.

## Israel Shuts Door To Jews

A LEADING world Zionist this week was credited with

making the statement that Israel is in reality shutting the door to immigration. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, called it "a system of priorities". Mr. Goldmann told the National Conference for Israel in Canada that Israel asked the Rumanian government

to reduce the number of Jews it was allowing to emigrate to Israel to 5,000 per month, and that only 100 Israel visas a month were being sent to Morocco. "We speak of unlimited Jewish immigration into Israel but we do not in reality have such a policy ... we have to have a system of

used for another of those schools, known as "ulpan" (studio). The Mount Canaan Academy plan, as of some time in March or April, was (I am quoting from notes) "the basis of the recently announced project whereby American students and older tourists, too, will spend four months in intensive Hebrew courses at either Mount Canaan Hotel or at Nahariyah hotels."

## LET me explain.

About a year ago, the Jewish Agency, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education of the Government of Israel, established special courses for educated newcomers in which they were put through four months of intensive study of the Hebrew language to qualify them for the practice of their professions in Israel. Lou decided to experiment with placing the students in hotels in the beautiful summer resort of Nahariyah, to enable them to do a lot of extra-curricular work, such as walks, talks with the sabras, Israel dances etc. It proved very successful. At Lou's invitation, I visited Nahariyah several times, and was greatly inspired by what I saw.

The experiment at Nahariyah having proved successful, the late Mr. Remez, Minister of Education, encouraged Mr. Schwefel to branch out and gave him every assistance. The buildings of the Mount Canaan Hotel were to be used for the same purpose as the Nahariyah hotels, and special courses will be arranged for American students and tourists who will be able to choose between Mount Canaan and Nahariyah.

P.S. Louis Schwefel is the man who put Plugat Aliyah on the map.

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## Rabbi Brickner Resists After Heart Attack

NEW YORK—Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, was resting comfortably in The New York Hospital following a slight heart attack.

Rabbi Brickner was stricken aboard the Gripsholm as it sailed from Gothenberg, Sweden. He was brought to the hospital here immediately after the ship docked.

Mrs. Brickner, who accompanied her husband on a three-month tour of North Africa, Israel and Europe, said Rabbi Brickner would return to Cleveland early next week, but would miss the Confirmation exercises of his Temple, which he had planned to participate in.

Physicians believe that Rabbi Brickner will be able to resume his duties in about a month.

## Irving Edison Re-elected President of JWB

NEW YORK—Irving Edison of St. Louis was re-elected president of the National Jewish Welfare Board at the annual meeting of the organization's Board of Directors at the Biltmore Hotel here last week.

Home Grown Correspondents  
The National Jewish Post

## Hutchins Speaker At Brandeis Convocation

WALTHAM, Mass. (NJP)—The week-end of June 15 will mark the climax of the third academic year at Brandeis University with Robert Maynard Hutchins, former president of the University of Chicago, as the principal speaker during the convocation exercises.

Saturday will mark a Parents Tea and a number of other social activities.

The convocation on Sunday will be preceded with the dedication of the Abraham Marcus athletic field.

The first class of 100 students

will be graduated from Brandeis University in June 1952.

## Mourn Death Of Louis S. Myers

KANSAS CITY—This Jewish community mourned the death of Louis S. Myers, 54, a member of the national cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, who was killed in a fall from the top of a 110-foot storage tank. Mr. Myers was vice president of the Rodney Milling Co., here, and was inspecting one of the company's tanks when the fatal accident happened.



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